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Admiral Appointed CIA Boss

Raborn Named To Fill Position Held By McCone

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JOHNSON CITY, Tex. —

President Johnson named a retired admiral, William F. ("Red") Raborn, Sunday to replace John F. McCone as director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Raborn was the naval officer in charge of the development of the Polaris missile system.

It has been known for some time that McCone had wanted to retire from his post as head of the United States intelligence operation.

Story Broadcast

But Johnson made the announcement after the Columbia Broadcasting System broadcast a story breaking the news.

Johnson was at his old country schoolhouse, a mile and a half from his ranch, to sign into law the \$1.2 billion aid to education bill when aides informed him of the news leak.

Raborn had been the President's house guest and had been with Johnson during an auto tour of the Johnson City area Sunday.

The President called reporters together and announced what he called "appointments of great importance" for the country.

Johnson announced that he was nominating Richard McGarrah Helms, now deputy director of the CIA for plans, to be deputy director. He replaces Lt. Gen. Marshall S. Carter of the U.S. Army.

He then announced that Admiral Raborn would take over from McCone. Johnson did not announce a date on which the change would become effective.

Admiral Raborn, who is 59 years old, was born in Decatur, Tex., but grew up in Marlow, Okla. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1928 and became a naval aviator.

During World War II he served as a commanding officer in naval aviation units and as executive officer of the aircraft carrier USS Hancock. In April of 1945 he was awarded the Silver Star for "conspicuous gallantry."

From 1956 until 1961 he was in charge of developing the Navy's fleet of Polaris-armed submarines.

Corporation Joined

He received the Distinguished Service Medal for this work.

When he retired, with the rank of vice admiral, on Sept. 1, 1963, Raborn was deputy chief of naval operations for research.

Since then he has been vice president for project management for Aerojet General Corp., in Southern California. He resides at Pasadena, Calif.

Helms also was present for Sunday's announcement and had been a guest of the President. He is 52 years old and was born at St. David's, Pa.

He received a bachelor of arts degree from Williams University in 1935 and worked for two years as a reporter for the United Press.

From 1937 until 1942 Helms was national advertising manager of the Indianapolis Times. During the war he was commissioned in the Navy and assigned to the Office of Strategic Services, the predecessor of the CIA.

From 1946 until 1947 he worked in the strategic services unit of the War Department and the Central Intelligence Group, joining the CIA when it was created in 1947.

Admiral Raborn is married and the father of two children. Helms is married and has a son.